

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 692

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Steve Henry and the Soddy Daisy High School wrestling team upon winning the 2011-2012 TSSAA State Championship titles in both duals and traditional wrestling.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable team is the Soddy Daisy High School wrestling team, which achieved an extraordinary level of success in the 2011-2012 season by winning the TSSAA State Championship titles in both duals and traditional wrestling; and

WHEREAS, one of the most demanding sports, wrestling is also one of the oldest sporting competitions, tracing its roots to the ancient Greeks and the earliest Olympic games; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Steve Henry, the Soddy Daisy Trojans exhibited true grit and determination in capturing two state championships in two weeks; and

WHEREAS, standing as the top ranked public school in the state throughout the season, the Trojans were primed for success at the finals of the State Duals, and they easily bested Cleveland High School; and

WHEREAS, a mere two weeks later, the Trojans soundly defeated the defending champions from Cleveland by an extraordinary forty-three points; and

WHEREAS, a total of nine Trojans earned medals for Soddy Daisy during the tournament, which culminated in their championship victory; and

WHEREAS, leading the way to success in this year's tournament was Jacob Stevens, who won his second straight title with a win at 120; Campbell Lewis claimed his fourth straight title and was named the Outstanding Wrestler after dominating the 132-pound class, and Billy Swanson ended an outstanding season with a title at 220; and

WHEREAS, comprising a team with uncommon dedication and motivation, Brett Ervin, Alex Seeley, and Gage Richmond all finished third, while Turbo Smith placed fourth and Josh Deckelman captured fifth place; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Steve Henry laid the groundwork for this year's championship season by sharing with these young men his substantial knowledge of wrestling, his many years of coaching and athletic experience, and his passion both for the sport of wrestling and for excellence in every endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the wrestlers of Soddy Daisy High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the wrestling mat; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship wrestling season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Soddy Daisy High School wrestling team on their victorious season and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Soddy Daisy High School wrestling team upon winning the TSSAA State Championship titles in both duals and traditional wrestling, commend them upon a successful wrestling season, and wish them every success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.